

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Jim Emery worked for 35 years, retiring as manager for Black Hills Power in 1996, and served as a state legislator from 1985 to 1996; and,

Whereas, Elaine Emery served on the South Dakota Gaming Commission as one of its original members and also served as president of the Easter Seals Society, working actively with them for many years; and,

Whereas, Jim and Elaine have always been very active in local, state, and national political campaigns, and involve themselves in their local community as well as their church; and,

Whereas, Jim and Elaine received the Crazy Horse Memorial "Dreamkeeper" Award on September 25, 2009; and,

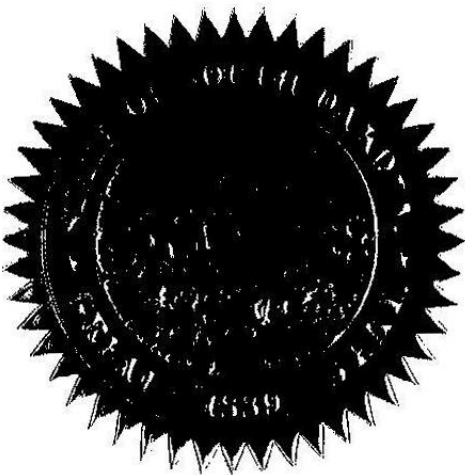
Whereas, Jim and Elaine will receive the Custer Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award on October 15, 2009, and it is fitting and proper as Governor to honor these outstanding South Dakotans on this special occasion:

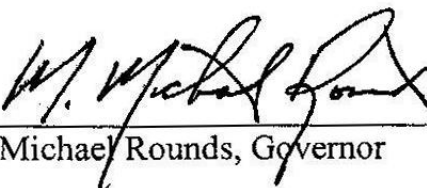
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2009, as

JIM AND ELAINE EMERY DAY

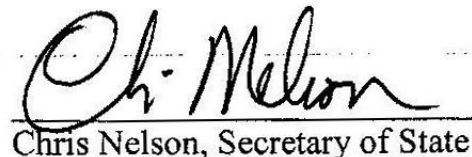
in South Dakota, and I join their many friends and family in offering them appreciation for their work to help make South Dakota a better place to live.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State